

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On pages 11-12, please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph [0033]:

[0033] Hence, a three-layer sandwich construction, laminar material system **200W**, is created in each of the four wheel well **18** ~~region~~ regions; further, a three-layer sandwich construction, laminar material system **200F**, is created in each of the two floorboard **28** regions. In each three-layer material system **200W** or **200F**, an elastomeric material is sandwiched between two rigid materials; that is, an elastomeric layer **210** is sandwiched between an existing rigid structural portion of vehicle **10** and a rigid layer **220**.